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In re application of: Subroto CHATTERJEE

Examiner: M. Rao

Serial No.: 09/282,879

Group: 1652

Filed: March 31, 1999

For: RECOMBINANT N-SMASES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method of identifying a compound useful in the diagnosis or treatment of a human neutral sphingomyelinase related disorder, comprising contacting a candidate pharmacological agent with a recombinant human neutral sphingomyelinase or fragment or

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>		Docket No.	
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Invention: **RECOMBINANT PHOSPHATASES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME**

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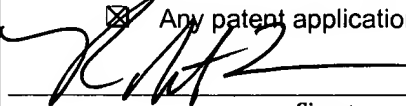
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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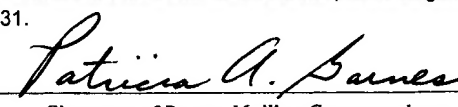
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